

Lawyer Reports Settlement of Suits Over Long's Estate

HANNIBAL, Mo., Sept. 6 (AP) — An attorney for the widow of Senator Edward V. Long said today that a series of suits and countersuits had been settled out of court.

Marion P. Wasinger, the lawyer, refused to disclose the terms of the settlement. He said that agreement had been reached "out of court on all suits involving the Long estate."

The largest of the court actions was a \$3.25-million alienation-of-affection suit by Mrs. Florence Long, the widow, against Miss Helen Dunlop, the Senator's long-time personal secretary.

The legal battles began after Mr. Long died Nov. 2, 1972.

A coroner ruled that the Missouri Democrat had died of a stroke. Four months later Miss Dunlop told authorities that the night Mr. Long died he told her he might have been poisoned by candy sent to him. The body was exhumed and an autopsy report May 18 showed there was no trace of poison in the body.

In his will he left \$10 each to his widow and their daughter. The bulk of the estate, estimated at \$2-million, went to his granddaughter. Senator Long and his wife were separated at the time of his death.

The legal suits that followed the disclosure of the will included a successful attempt by Mrs. Long to remove Miss Dunlop as executrix of Mr. Long's estate and various suits challenging the women's claims to the estate.